ANOTHER MARRIN JOINT HERE

HE AND RIGGS OPERATED IN THE HARVARD BUILDING.

Mency of the Storey Cotton Co. Bupes Circulated Freely in the Tenderlein -Marrin and Riggs Were Once in the "National Automobile Company."

Frank C. Marrin, one of the promoters of the get-rich-quick Storey Cotton Company, which recently went up the spout in Philadelphia, has had a financial career in the Tenderloin as well as at the company's offices, 11 Broadway, and in Brooklyn and Philadelphia. At his uptown office Marrin went under the name of Franklin Stone, an aliai which he used in Philadelphia. His office was in the Harvard Building, at the southwest corner of Sixth avenue and Forty-second street.

Just what sort of business was carried en in the room on the second floor of the building was not to be learned yesterday. According to one of the employees of the building, Mr. Stone dealt in gas light fixtures. At present the room is occupied by the "National Automobile Company" and Stone's name is no longer on the door. But above the name of the new tenant are two words, "Financial office," which were there when Stone occupied the rooms.

Until recently the room was also occupied by Graham & Co., who dealt in stocks, They have a downtown office at 44 Broadway, according to the city directory. No one in the building knew yesterday where the uptown branch of Graham & Co. had moved to. They have thoughtlessly left their quotation boards behind, so that the walls in the office of the National Automobile Company-which is not to be confounded with the National Association of Automobile Manufacturers in East Fortysecond street-are covered with quotation boards. One Walter B. Riggs also occupied the office until very recently. A reporter in search of Stone & Riggs was told by the elevator man to go to Room 4, occupied by the National Automobile Company. When the elevator man was told that the names were no longer there, he said that they must have been taken off within a few days. The sign on the door reads:

Financial Office, Charles T. L. Allen. Temporary offices of the National Automobile Co.

A man who said he was Allen was found in the inner office. He is a small, smooth faced, dark complexioned man. On a chair near by were several fur automobile coats.

Mr. Allen was asked if it were true that Messrs. Stone and Riggs had organized the National Automobile Company. At first he denied ever having heard of them.

"It is true," he said finally, "that they were interested in the company. We asked them into it as we would any other capitalists. But they are no longer connected with us. We regret very much that they should have been, because we are in no way interested in the Storey Cotton Com-pany and regret to have our good name smirched by it. I haven't seen either of them for several days."

The National Automobile Company, Mr. Allen explained, arranges to furnish automobile owners who subscribe to its service with garage privileges in cities all over the country. The company has a garage, he the company says

"Many of the finest cars in the city are stored in this garage. We have among our patrons some of the best known people of New York and vicinity. We do more repairing of foreign cars than any other auto repair shop in the United States."

Mr. Allen explained that the reason "temporary offices" was printed on the door was because the company soon expected to move into the Times Building

Mr. Riggs, who couldn't be found, has also gone under the name of W. Beach Richmond, who was connected with the Storey Cotton Company. Both he and Stone have frequented Sixth avenue resorts a good deal during the past year. One night they spent \$120 for champagne in a restaurant near Forty-second street.

Both have been interested in horse rac-Both had wives who, it is said, sailed for Europe recently. A man who knew Riggs said yesterday that until a short time ago Riggs had a personal balance of \$130,000 at a Philadelphia bank.

The Post Office inspectors want to see Mr. Marrin very much and, it is said, were watching yesterday's steamers for him.

WOMAN HAS THE STOREY LOOT. Sophie Beck, Stenographer, Skips With

\$1,000,000-To Meet Marrin Abroad. PHILADELPHIA, March 25 .- Nearly \$1,000, 000 in hard cash and negotiable bonds, mostly the proceeds of the business conducted by the Storey Cotton Company, slipped from under the noses of the authorities into the possession of Sophia Beck and out of the country with her over a week ago. Sophia Beck was the stenographer of the Storey Cotton Company, and as such was the personal representative of Frank

Marrin, the backer of the concern. The money was obtained by shrewd transfers of property in the name of Frank Marrin and Ewart Storey. The Beck woman, who is regarded by the Secret Service agents as another Cassie Chadwick, slipped aboard an ocean liner with it and was upon the high seas before any one had realized what had happened

According to the official who divulged the story concerning the departure Mrs. Beck, the woman engineered the deals for converting securities and real estate into eash without assistance. She was probably in touch with others, but she did the actual work herself. The Storey cotton people have any number of financial friends in the city and they probably made the work of the woman

In company with Frank C. Marrin, Mrs. Beck, or Collins, or Dunne, left Chicago in February, 1900, where she lived at the time, and is said to have gone to San Francisco and then to New Orleans, where she lived for some time. About two years ago she came to this city and became stenog-

rapher to the Storey Cotton Company. She had an elaborately furnished room next to the company's offices and appeared to be subject to nobody's orders. Marrin himself never went near the Storey company's offices. This was because he knew that he was well represented by Mrs. Beck. No one at the offices of the company knew Niegara Falls only nine hours from New York was the New York Central, -Adv.

where the woman lived or knew anything 10 AIR WEIGHTMAN SCANDAL about her private life. She surrounded her outside life with much secrecy.

Postal Inspector Myer of Chicago, the man who worked up the postal scandal at Washington about a year ago, is on the trail of Marrin, alias Franklin Stone. On the Brooklyn pier from which a steamer to Liverpool was to sail the inspector was patiently waiting for his quarry late tonight. Myer has positive information that Marrin is going to attempt to leave the

country within the next few days. It is believed that the man expects to neet the Beck woman at some place in London, where they will also find Storey. They all consider \$1,000,000 to be their legitimateprofits from the Storey Cotton Company.

United States District Attorney J. Whittaker Thompson has issued warrants for the arrest of both Marrin and the woman. The London police were notified to-day to watch for them.

With Secret Service men and postal inspectors scouring for him, and with the knowledge that a warrant had been issued for his arrest, Latimer, or "Handsome Harry," as he is better known, boldly returned to the city. John Kulp, who lives up the State and who was caught in the Provident Investment Bureau crash to the extent of \$500, was one of the persons who saw Latimer.

Having heard that Attorney John C. Crowley had been appointed assignee of the company Kulp started for Broad and Filbert streets, where the lawyer has his offices. As he started up the stairs he declares that he saw Latimer coming out. This Crowley denies. Kulp says he knows Latimer and couldn't be mistaken. If it was Latimer the Secret Service people will soon get him. It is probable that the arrest of Stanley Francis yesterday brought Latimer into town.

Henry J Scott, who has been retained as counsel for Francis, tried to get the man out of jail on habeas corpus proceedings before Judge McPherson. Failing in this, he asked that the \$100,000 bail fixed in his client's case be reduced to \$5,000. The Judge refused, but consented to reduce the bail to \$50,000.

Attorney Scott and George D. Moffatt, who is the only member of the United States Trust Company who has not resigned as a result of the arrest of Francis, who was one of the directors of the concern, were supplied with \$40,000 in cash, ready to furnish that amount of security. The extra \$10,000 prevented Francis from obtainng his liberty last night.

SCHOOLGIRL FATALLY SHOT. Police Seek a Young Man and Say a Love Affair Caused Trouble.

Alice Ohlson, a sixteen-year-old school girl living with her parents at 38 High street Corona, was shot in the right breast last night in the parlor of her home.

The girl's condition is critical and she was hurried to this borough and taken to the Post Graduate Hospital. The shooting occurred at 9 o'clock last night, but it was not until an hour later that the police heard

William Smith, 17 years old, of 30 Walnut street, Corona, called on the girl last night at her home. He disappeared after the shooting and the police are looking for him. He is accused of shooting the girl, because of a love affair. Miss Ohlson's parents heard the shot

and when they ran to the parlor they found their daughter lying on the floor. Drs. said, at 205, 207 and 209 East Eighty-sixth | Kline and Dougherty were summoned. street, and repair shops at 517 East Seven- and they said the girl had received a mortal chance of saving her life lay in an opera-

An ambulance from St. John's Hospital was summoned but the parents of the girl refused to have her sent there and it was then decided to bring her to the Post Graduate in this borough.

OUR FLEET LEAVES HAVANA. Thousands Gather on the Embankment

to See the Ships Pass. Special Cable Despatch to TBE SUN HAVANA, March 25 .- The flagship Olympia and the battleships Kentucky and Missouri sailed from here at 8 o'clock this morning to join the remainder of the fleet from Guantanamo. The cruiser Des Moines had left earlier to join these ships. Capt. Colby of the Olympia announced through a megaphone as the vessels were leaving the harbor that thirteen warships were ten miles to

the eastward, the rest having gone to Key About 10:30 o'clock fifteen vessels passed close to Morro Castle, in full view of thousands of people who had assembled along the Havana embankment on the promenade known as the Malecon. When all the ships were abreast of the Morro they

altered their course and steered out to sea. The three warships which left here this norning were accompanied outside the harbor by tugs and the municipal band. A number of sailors who deserted from the various ships are being picked up by the police here and handed over to Mr. Steinhardt, the American Consul-General, who is making arrangements to send them

ACTOR SLOAN HAS LOCKJAW.

Was Wounded by a Pistel in Performance

at Philadelphia-May Recover. Harry Sloan, a vaudeville actor of 29 Willoughby street, Brooklyn, was removed to the Long Island College Hospital on Friday suffering from lookjaw, the result of a pistol shot wound in the hand received while performing at the Bon Ton Theatre in Philadelphia on March 12.

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Sloan was taken to the hospital upon the advice of physicians employed by two fraternal orders of which Stoan is a member. Their determination that his case was hopeless and that he must be sent to the hospital caused considerable friction and unfriendly criticism on the part of the parents of the young actor, who arrived from Meriden, Conn., on the day of his removal.

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The wound from which the trouble arose was caused by the accidental discharge of a revolver in a play in which Sloan was taking part. The fiesh was torn and the wound was dressed at a local hespital in Philadelphia. It healed rapidly and all was thought to be well until he returned to Brooklyn and was taken with a spasm on Wednesday. At the beapital it was said last night that the patient was doing well and would probably recover.

Battalion Chief John J. Howe's wagon collided with an automobile on Ninth avenue yesterday as he was being driven to a fire. Howe and his driver were thrown into the roadway and were bruised. Howe went on the sick list. The accident occurred at Twenty-seventh street.

Latest Marine Intelligence. arrived: Sa Royal Exchange, Havans, March 11; as Fernheid, Ctenfuegos, March 17.

LAST EFFORT TO HIDE FAMILY SKELETON A FAILURE.

Mrs. Jones Wister's Daughters Appeal in Vain to Have Her Drop the Will Contest-Mrs. Walker, Who Got the \$60,000,000 Fortune. Won't Budge.

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.-Mrs. Jones Wister's four daughters met here to-day and as a result one was sent to plead with their mother to withdraw from her proposed contest of the Weightman will. Their plea was refused and diplomatic relations between the two camps have now ceased finally.

The daughters objected to the Weightman family skeleton being taken out and shaken before the public. That there is a family skeleton is admitted by one of the most prominent members of the family now split up by the \$60,000,000 left by the wealthy chemist.

The daughters of Mrs. Wister knew that

o compromise of the case is possible. They had heard Mrs. Walker, Weightman's daughter, declare in their presence that she would fight to the end of the last renny of the fortune her father left her rather than yield one cent as a result of Mrs. Wister's suit. The daughters' view of the case agreed with that of Mrs. Walker, yet they could not, without a final effort, array themselves against their mother. Mrs. Wister's daughters are Mrs. Na-

thaniel Norton, who had come from New York for the purpose; Mrs. Richard Waln-meirs, Mrs. John Strawbridge and Miss Ethel Wister. Mrs. Walnmeirs was chosen as spokesman, and she went to Mrs. Wister's house on Rittenhouse Square and implored that peace be restored to the family. Her pleadings were in vain. Mrs. Wister is as firmly convinced of the justice of her position as her daughters are of theirs.

While Mrs. Walker is generally credited with being a shrewder business woman than Mrs. Wister, those who are aware of the mingled determination and diplomacy with which Mrs. Wister managed to secure the documentary evidence to support her case know that the opposing women are very evenly matched, and Mrs. Wister's reply to her daughter's message was fully as vigorous as Mrs. Walker's statement that she would fight to the end for what she considered right.

As a result of Mrs. Wister's determination to continue the contest her daughters have, as it were, severed diplomatic relations with their mother. They are deetermined that the next proffer of the olive branch must come from Mrs. Wister, and the bitterness that has followed the failure of Mrs. Walnmeirs as an ambassador promises to cause perplexing complications in the social eircles of the city.

The legal petition to have the case re opened is looked for early next week. In addition to the mass of letters in Mrs. Wister's hands from Mr. Weightman, making romises that his granddaughters would receive bequests, in addition to the evidence that will be produced regarding the effect of the marriage of the widow of Mr. Weightman's son to Mr. Wister upon Mr. Weightman, who had himself proposed marriage to her, and in addition to the claim that will be set up that Mr. Weightman's sons were his partners and their heirs entitled to a share in the great drug business, it is now learned that Mrs. Wister has another strong point in her contest.

William Weightman's will was drawn up his death. Less than one year before the will was made, however, the millionaire, then 80 years old, was taken seriously ill. His condition became such that the members of his family admit that all hope of saving his life was given up and the physicians who were attending him said that he could not recover. If he did recover, hey said, his brain would be affected. But Mr. Weightman slowly recovered

These physicians will be summoned as witnesses by Mrs. Wister. Their evidence will be used in connection with the evidence of other physicians and persons at to the neaning of some of Mr. Weightman's acts during the last decade of his life.

This serious illness of Mr. Weightman

ter's friends as the pivot upon which the entire contest must rest, her evidence of his acts after that time all being in the nature of supporting expert testimony

NEBRASKA IN BUSINESS, TOO. Its Legislature Appropriates \$250,000 to

Build a Binder Twine Factory

LINCOLN, Neb., March 25.—Following the lead of Kansas in its fight against the Standard Oil Company, Nebraska will fight the binder twine and cordage trust, and to that end the State Legislature yesterday appropriated \$250,000 with which to build and equip a factory for the manufacture of binder twine. The plant will be con-structed at Lincoln within the walls of the

State prison and the convicts of the peni-tentiary will do all the work.

The finished article, which is used in bind-ing grain, will be sold at cost to farmers of Nebraska. Should the experiment prove a success, the markets of adjoining States may be invaded in time. Work is expected to begin immediately, and if possible, the output will be ready for use in harvesting this coming summer. Ne-brasks, Iows, Kansas and the Dakotas use thousands of tons of cordage yearly, and the exactions of the trust have been increasing from year to war dealers say. increasing from year to year, dealers say.

PICKED GIRL UP BODILY. Stranger Tries to Run Away With Miss Chapman, Actress.

Miss Gladys Chapman, a young actress who lives at 167 West 133d street, has been rehearsing lately in West Twenty-eighth street for a part she is to play on the road. Late yesterday afternoon she started come alone. When she got to Sixth avenue and Twenty-eighth street, where she was to get an elevated train, she met a young man who ogled her. He blocked her way to the elevated steps.

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself," said the young woman. "Let me pass."
When Miss Chapman tried to go by the stranger, who was dark and looked like a foreigner, he slipped his arm around her waist. Then he picked her up bodily and started down Sixth avenue.
Miss Chapman set up such a screeching that Policeman Williams came to her assistance.

Williams put the man under arrest. In the Tenderion station he described himself as Rudolph Maller, 28 years old, a civil engineer, of 61 West Sixty-ninth street. He is a Rumanian. His excuse for his actions was that he had been drinking a little. was that he had been drinking a little.

Maller was locked up charged with disorderly conduct. Miss Chapman promised to be in the Jefferson Market police court this morning.

NAVAL SECRETARY CALLED HOME Morton Abandons Porto Rican Tour or Orders From Washington.

pectal Cable Despatch to THE SUN. San Juan, P. R., March 25 .- Secretary of the Navy Morton, Speaker Cannon of the House of Representatives, Senator Hale, chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, and other officials arrived here on the despatch boat Dolphin to-day. They intended to make a tour of the island, but a number of cable despatches which awaited Secretary Morton compelled them to change

One of these despatches ordered the Secretary's immediate return, and the Dolphin coaled hurriedly and sailed for ome, via Guantanamo.

WASHINGTON, March 25 .- So far as can be learned here, Secretary Morton's plans for the West Indian trip have not been changed. The despatch boat Dolphin which is carrying Secretary Morton and his party, sailed yesterday from San Juan for Guantanamo. From Guantanamo the party was expected to go to Havana and then home, arriving here next Saturday or Sunday

Secretary Morton is to go with the Presdent on the Western trip, a week from Monday, and he will have to make haste to get back in time to prepare for the long ourney to the West and Southwest.

It is said here that Porto Rico was not included in the original itinerary of the trip, and that there was no intention to make a tour of the island. It was believed that Secretary Morton would stay in West Indian waters for two or three days and then, leaving the Dolphin, hasten to Washington by rail.

TRIED TO JUMP THE BRIDGE. John Collins Pulled Off the Ball Overhanging the River.

John Collins, 28 years old, of Eastport, L. I., jumped on the tail of a truck at the Park row end of the Bridge soon after o'clock yesterday afternoon and asked for a ride across the Bridge. The driver, Thomas Butler of 132 Raymond street, Brooklyn, permitted him to do so.

After the truck had passed the first lower on the south roadway, Collins stepped up to the driver and said that he intended to jump off the structure at the centre of the span. He said he had made a wager with a man in Andy Horn's saloon at the Park row entrance to the Bridge and that if he made the jump successfully he was to get \$500. If he succeeded in eluding the police and made the jump and was killed hen his family were to get the \$500.

When the truck reached the centre of the span, according to Butler, Collins sprang to the roadway and began to remove his clothing. He had thrown off his hat and coat, collar and tie, and was removing his shirt when Butler's shouts attracted the attention of Detectives McGorley and Smith of the Bridge station, who were riding on a Fulton street car, a few yards behind. The officers jumped off the car and ran toward Collins. The latter jumped for the rail and was kneeling on the top when the officers caught him by the legs and pulled

Collins finished his ride to Brooklyn on the truck handouffed to the two detectives. The police were of the opinion last night that the story of the wager was a hoax and that Collins, who said he was a printer, had been on a spree.

WOMAN PUNCHED HIGHWAYMAN.

Hunts for Him With Guns. Mrs. John Schneider of 6 Crosby avenue Evergreen, L. I., was attacked by a highwayman at 9 o'clock last night in Vermont street, East New York, just beyond the Highland Park Viaduct. Mrs. Schneider and was taking the Vermont street route as a short cut home. It is a dark, lonesome street, leading ground Evergreen Cemetery.

The highwayman jumped out from behind a tree and grabbed the woman. Mrs. Schneider's arms were full of packages, but she is a big and strong woman and succeeded in wrenching herself free. She hit the man in the face as he came at her the second time and set up such a cry so short a time before the making of his final will is regarded by many of Mrs. Wis- of their houses and rushed out. Then the man took to his heels, disappearing in the

cemetery. A crowd of men, reenforced by police from the Liberty avenue and Queens borough police stations, searched the cemetery, but could get no trace of the man. Many of the citizens carried loaded guns and threatened to shoot the highwayman at sight.

LINERS COLLIDE OFF HALIFAX. The Albano Hits the Parisian, but Both Reach Port Safely.

HALIFAR, N. S., March 25.—The Hamourg-American steamer Albano and the Allan liner Parisian, both bound for Halifax, collided off Chebucto Head, near the entrance to this harbor, at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Both steamers were able to reach their docks without loss of life, but the 800 passengers on the Parisian and the 150 on the Albano realized that they had had a close call. The Parisian has a great rent abaft of No. 4 hold and the after hold is full of water, while the Albano's fore hold is in the same condition

The Parisian and the Albano were seeking pilots. The former, the captain says, was at a standstill with the pilot in the act of boarding his ship. He saw the Albano some distance off coming from the eastward, and he says that the signal was given from the Albano that she was going

given from the Albano that she was going astern. Instead of that the German came on swiftly and struck the Parisian with terrific force.

Fearing that before he got into the harbor he would sink, the Parisian's captain sent the ship ahead at full speed. The water was pouring into the after hold very rapidly, and before the dook was reached it was full. The watertight compartments alone saved her from founpartments alone saved her from foun-

dering.

Asked for an explanation of the conduct of the Albano, Capt. Johnston said he had no theory to account for it beyond that the Albano's engineer must have mistaken his orders and, instead of reversing, had sent his ship ahead. When the collision occurred the Parisian trembled with the shock and there was more or less panic on board. The boats were ordered to be in readiness for launching.

The captain of the Albano could not be seen, but it is understood from those on board that he blames the Parisian.

One of the passengers on the Parisian was A. S. Kirkpatrick, professor of Hebrew in Cambridge University.

New York 5-E P. M., arrive Cleveland morning. Cincinnati 1:30 P. M., Indian-P. M., 5t. Louis 6:48 P. M., by New York Fine service. No except fair.—Adv.

BOY LOST IN A FREIGHT CAR.

WAS PLAYING IN IT ON MONDAY WHEN TRAIN STARTED.

Playmate Jumped Off and Kept Mum-No One Known What Car It Was or Whither It Went-Police Fear That Seven-Year-Old Stowaway Is Dead.

Johnny Donohue, who is 7 years old and ives at 785 Eleventh avenue, did not return nome last Monday night from play. The New York Central freight tracks run

along the avenue in front, of his house. He had been in a game of hide and seek around empty cars, as was his custom with other boys, among them eight-year-old Samuel Hannigan, who lives not far away at 223 West Sixtieth street. Johnny's mother, Mrs. Edith Donohue, hunted up young Hannigan, but he said he didn't know anything about Johnny. When Thursday came and no Johnny, Mrs. Donohue in her distraction thought of the police, and hurried down to Headquarters. Detective Sergeant William A. Finn of the new Lost Persons Bureau, went at once to Johnny's school teacher, talked with his half crazed mother and then hunted up his playmates.

Fred Sennemeyer, an eleven-year-old boy, who lives in the same house with the Donohues, told the detective that he saw Hannigan push Johnny into an empty freight car on the night of the 20th. The car was standing on the tracks at Eleventh avenue and Fifty-third street. The train, he said, started at once, with Donohue aboard. He said that after the car got started he saw Donohue open the door and then close it.

Finn hunted up Hannigan again and the boy denied absolutely all knowledge of the affair or even that he had been playing with the Donohue boy. He was taken to Mrs. Donohue and repeated his denial. Then he was confronted with Sennemeyer and still denied the story.

Finn at last took him down to Police Headquarters, and there he finally admitted that he had been playing tag with the Donohue boy. He said they were both in the car when it started, but that he jumped out, leaving Donohue behind. This was nearly 10 o'clock at night.

What car that was, or what has become of it, the police do not know. It may have been locked up, they fear, without Donohue's presence being discovered, and may have started on its way across the continent with the boy a prisoner without food or water. The little follow, they fear, might not have enough strength to make himself heard by anybody outside, or he may have jumped out somewhere outside the city and been killed. The best they can hope for is that he was rescued somewhere and New York has not yet been notified. If he has been locked in a car all this time it is hardly possible he is alive. The railroad people have been asked to see if they can run down the car.

Young Hannigan, a diminutive and picturesquely dirty little fellow, seems not to realize what his silence about his playmate may cost. 'Why didn't you tell about Johnny's

being in the freight car at first?" he was asked "I don't know," he piped. His idea evidently was that if he told there was the possibility of trouble for him. The police turned him over to the Gerry

society in case they need him later.

HUNT UP DEATHS BY GAS, Albany Committee Gets Electrical Engineer for Junior Counsel.

The Gas Investigating Committee de-cided yesterday on Gustavus T. Kirby, a young lawyer of 2 Wall street, as junior counsel. The selection was made at the had spent the day in Brooklyn shopping suggestion of Charles E. Hughes, the senior counsel. Mr. Hughes said that many able lawyers were willing to take the place. Mr. Kirby was chosen, he said, because he is an electrical engineeer as well as a lawyer, having been graduated from the School of Mines at Columbia before he took up the study of law. This fact, he said, made Mr. Kirby a doubly valuable man as his expert knowledge of electricity would be of great assistance to the con mittee in bringing out the cost of produc-

tion.
Mr. Kirby is a member of the firm of Kirby & Wood. He lives at Mount Kisco.
Mr. Hughes called upon the Coroners' office yesterday for statistics of gas poisoning in this city during the past three years.
The compilation shows that the number ing in this city during the past three years. The compilation shows that the number of deaths, both accidental and suicidal, is increasing. The records show that in 1902 there were sixty-three accidental and sixty-eight suicidal deaths in 1903, 123 accidental, and 98 suicidal, and in 1904 the figures were 130 and 133 respectively. Mr. Hughes would make no comment on the subject. Chairman Stevens also refused to talk about the matter last night.

SAMARITANS. MAYBE CROOKS? Unconscious Girl Robbed of Ring, Watch and Diamonds.

Miss Angie White, who says she is a cloak nodel, tried to get to a Broadway car at Nineteenth street, yesterday afternoon, was trapped in a tangle of vehicles and fainted. When she came to she was in a store near the corner, and two young men, faultlessly dressed, were bending over her. They explained that they had carried her from the street, where she fell. She thanked them and with their help got a car.

A few minutes later she noticed that a risk minutes later she holiced that a finger of one of her gloves had been torn off. Her opal ring was missing from that finger. On the same finger she had worn a ring set with a 2½ carat diamond. The jewel had been out from the setting. Her gold watch, set with eighty-seven small diamonds, was also gones.

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Miss White got off the oar and found a policeman. He took her to the Tenderloin station, where she told her story. Detective Drennan was sent out on the case. She gave a good description of the two men who had assisted her.

Sergt. Robinson was much interested in the case.

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"She was the prettiest girl I ever saw in here," he said.

SENATOR PLATT IN TOWN. Says His Fortnight in the South Benefited Him Extremely.

Senator Thomas C. Platt came to town ast night from the South. A couple of weeks ago he and Mrs. Platt and a party of guests went on a trip to South Carolina. At the time Mr. Platt was not feeling well, and the excursion was planned to give him rest and change of air. The Senator said last night that his brief vacation had bene-fited him extremely. He could not be pre-vailed upon to talk politics.

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\$20,000,000 FROM THE BANKS. Secretary Shaw Contemplates Withdrawal

of 25 Per Cent. of Government Funds. WASHINGTON, March 25 .- The Secretary of the Treasury will probably call for a withdrawal of a large percentage of the funds which the Government has on deposit in national banks some time next month or very early in May. The plan is to withdraw 25 per cent. of the deposits, which would amount to approximately \$20,000,000. Secretary Shaw's idea is that by withdrawing these funds in the spring. when money conditions are easy, the Gov-

ernment will be in a better position to ex-

tend aid to the money market next fall

there should be a stringency of funds for commercial uses. The cash balance in the Treasury proper is now about \$46,000,000, which in the opinion of Mr. Shaw is large enough for the ordinary needs of the Government; and his proposal to withdraw about \$20,000,000 from the banks is dictated solely by the interests of the public. His theory is that the necessity exists under our present system of using artificial means to produce elasticity. To this end he would reduce the funds on deposit in the banks in the spring and expand them, if necessary, in the autumn months, when the greatest volume of currency is needed in general circu-

SECRETARY HAY IMPROVES.

Reaches the Azores on the Cretic and Says the Voyage is Benefiting Him. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PONTA DELGADA, Azores, March 25. When the White Star Line steamer Cretic arrived here to-day from New York Secretary of State Hay, who was very ill when the ship sailed on March 18, declared that he was much improved. He said he had had a comfortable voyage. The steamer continued her trip to Naples.

WASHINGTON, March 25 .- Despatches received in Washington from Punta Delgada, Azores Islands, where the White Star liner Cretic touched, say that Secretary Hay, who collapsed in New York just as he was boarding the Cretic, was much improved and had had a good voyage thus far. It is believed here that Secretary Hay will improve rapidly throughout his trip and that he will be fully able to resume his duties at the State Department when he returns.

No credence is placed in the stories that he has resigned or is to leave the Cabinet. Government officers who are in a position to know say that Secretary Hay will resume his duties as the head of the State Department when he returns from his vacation.

DROP IN COAL PRICES. Retailers Will Cut From 86.50 to 85.85

a Ton on April 1. The retail dealers in anthracite coal plan to reduce the price of coal 65 cents a ton on April 1. The present price is \$6.50. wholesale price will be \$4.50 instead of \$5, as the coal operators have promised to reduce the price half a dollar a ton after

April 1. The reduced price will remain in force for the months of April and May. On June 1 the price will be increased 10 cents attitude. It is at least premature to draw price will be \$6.25. The wholesale price

will then be \$5. The reduced prices apply to broken egg, stove and chestnut sizes for family The cold weather last month caused an

advance of 25 cents a ton. NEW TRIAL FOR CALEB POWERS.

His Fourth for Goebel Killing-Another Chance for Curtis Jett. FRANKFORT, Ky., March 25.—A fourth trial of Caleb Powers for the assassination of Gov. Goebel will begin in a short time, the Court of Appeals having overruled the

petition of the Commonwealth for a rehearing. A new trial for Curtis Jett, under sentence to hang for the assassination of J. B. Marcum in Breathitt county, was also ordered to-day by the Court of Appeals. The case came up from the Harrison Circuit Court, and is one of the feud murders in connection with which Judge Hargis, Senator Hargis, Elbert Hargis and Sheriff Ed Callahan are now held at Lexington.

KING EDWARD AS MATCHMAKER. Pleases the People More Than Did the

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, March 25 .- Spanish and English newspapers are busy discussing a report which comes from Madrid that a marriage between King Alfonso and Patricia, daughter of the Duke of Connaught, is now a subject of discussion between the two courts. It is impossible to know what

foundation there is for the story, but it

is certainly gratifying to English society

to reflect that one English Princess was

recently engaged to the heir of a Crown Prince, while a reigning monarch is being talked of as the husband of another. It shows to them that King Edward realizes his duties as a matchmaker in a way that is more pleasing to them than that of the late Queen, whose predilection for poor German Princes was a source of much discontent.

A SEAGOER AT 97.

imon Harris Comes Back to Work After a Pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

Probably the oldest passenger that has ever crossed the Atlantic in the steerage of a twin screw steamer arrived last night from Cherbourg, aboard the American liner Philadelphia. He is Simon Harris, aged 97. He has been an American citizen forty-four years, and is returning from a two years pilgrimage to Jerusalem. He left the ship at 8 o'clock and took a Belt Line car to go to the foot of Whitehall street to take a boat for Brooklyn, where his only daughter, Mrs. Meltzer, lives. Mr. Harris looks like a Jewish patriarch.

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He seems active and strong. He said in broken English that there was mighty little "business" going on in Jerusalem. He has been a pedier in New York thirty years, and says he has accumulated enough money to keep him, provided he keeps on working, the rest of his days, which he thinks will be many. He was born in Russia, but he cannot recall the appreciate of the place. but he cannot recall the name of the place

SAVANNAH LINE.

CZAR URGED TO MAKE PEACE

WASHINGTON HEARS THE KAISER IS PRESSING HIM.

France, Most Interested, Sees No Change in His Belliouse Attitude, but Realizes Situation May Change Any Moment -Russia Admits Immense Losses.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUR. LONDON, March 25 .- The logic of the situation points so undeviatingly toward peace that there has been a great revival of pacific rumors in the last day or two. But, in the words of Patrick Henry, there is no peace.

during the crop moving season, in case The writer has been in consultation this week with prominent diplomatists in Paris, where peace is more ardently desired perhaps than in any other quarter, and where the news of the Russian acceptance of the inexorable facts of the situation would soonest be known. There is but one opinion among them, and this is expressed with the utmost frankness. They see no sign of yielding in the beilioose policy of the Czar, but admit that the situation may change in this respect in the twinkling of an eye.

The withdrawal of the foreign financial support was a serious blow to Russia, but there is scarcely a question of her ability to carry on another campaign, so far as money is concerned, if she availed herself of the enormous wealth of the State Church. This treasure far exceeds in value the resources of the national exchequer. It includes secret hordes of gold and jewels which are the accumulation of generations. This accumulation largely accounts for the impoverishment of the Russian masses.

The Czar, as the head of the Church, possesses technically the power to commandeer it. The heads of the Church are the most reactionary of his advisers, and they could hardly complain if he demanded this sacrifice to the principles which they advocate. There is not the slightest doubt, however, that they will resist such a demand to the uttermost, and if it is insisted upon the whole authority of the Church will speedily be transferred to the side of peace.

This development, however, will scarcely arise immediately, and meantime immense additional war expenditures on both sides would render peace still more difficult to negotiate.

SITUATION ON LAND AND SEA.

Regarding the military situation, French diplomatic opinion sees no possibility of avoiding continued Russian disaster throughout the year, there being no chance to organize even an adequate defensive campaign before 1906. France has information that Japan has

already established wireless stations on ships and land throughout the Malay Archipelago and other points in the approach to the Far East and believes that Admiral Togo's ships are so placed that he can make a quick concentration on receipt of the earliest news of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's movements. French authorities do not believe that Japan will seek the Russian fleet in the Indian Ocean or make an indiscriminate search for the

quarry at great distances from home. The latest St. Petersburg despatches speak encouragingly of the spread of peace sentiment among the entourage of the Czar, from which it is deducted that the Emperor himself is modifying his warlike ton per month until Sept. 1, when the such conclusions, but the erratic character of the monarch deprives the present any policy of any element of finality. It is known, however, that more and more of the truth of the almost desperate situation which he has to face is reaching him daily, and almost every detail of the unhappy crisis would make for peace in any sane

In an interview here to-day Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister to Great Britain, said he was unable to express an opinion as to the reported change of attitude of the Czar on the question of ending the war. He could only say officially that the situation

was unchanged. Mr. Macartney, the Councillor of the Chinese Legation, stated to-day that China did not contemplate taking any action in the direction of peace. The rumor that she would do so by calling the attention of the Powers to the sufferings of her subjects in Manchuria was wildly improbable.

PARIS DISCUSSES PEACE.

PARIS, March 25.—The French newspapers are booming the peace prospects. The Petil Parisien quotes a St. Petersburg diplomat as saying that a complete change of opinion has taken place at Taurskoe-Selo, and that if France should now offer her good services they would be accepted; or would those of the United States be rejected.

The Echo de Paris calls attention to everal recent interviews at Copenhagen between the Russian and French Ambassadors, at which Baron de Rosen, formerly the Russian Minister to Japan, was present

GERMANY URGING PRACE.

of Government officials prospects of peace between Russia and Japan are very bright. The statement can be made on the best authority that Germany has directly offered nediation to the Russian Government and is urging that negotiations with Japan be begun. This information came to Washington from American official sources abroad. Other advices indicate that the peace movement is serious and the outlook encouraging.

It may now be said that President Roosevelt is willing and ready to tender the good offices of the United States toward bringing about an ending of the Far Eastern war whenever an opportunity is offered. The Administration will not take any action that will give offence to either belligerent, but it may not necessarily wait until both of them have formally requested the assistance of this Government

Most of the news despatches from Europe attribute the present movement for peace to France. The official advices to this Government indicate that Germany is the leading factor. No overtures to the United States to join in the peace proposal have been made.

red here to be highly improbable for diplomatic and political reasons that Germany has approached Russia with a view of bringing about peace negotiations, there are

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